THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) No contaminated water is being supplied in any part of Delhi. However Complaints of dirty water are received sometimes from the distribution system, which are investigated & attended to. The reasons for such complaints includes old and incurstated service pipes, non-cleaning of the underground and overhead tanks and old ad corroded distribution system.

(d) Strict quality control checks are exercised both during treatment and distribution of water. Random samples are also collected by the Municipal Health Officer to check the quality of water.

(e) Question does not arise.

(f) No such complaints have been received in this Ministry.

IFFCO fertilizer plant in U.P.

1620. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress made so far with regard to the setting up IFFCO fertilizer plant in U.P. and

(b) by when it is likely to be completed

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZER (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Basic Engineering of Amonia and Urea Plants have been completed. Detailed Engineering is near completion. The project is progressing as per schedule and is likely to be completed by 1988.

Cultivation of Fruit Plants

1621. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have launched any programme for the cultivation of good quality fruit plants ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) yes, Sir.

(b) A Central Sector scheme on Elite Progeny Orchard is being implemented at 10 farms of State Farms Corporation of India for producing good quality planting material. An outlay of Rs. 3.00 crores has been provided under the scheme for the seventh Five Year Plan period. Another project for production and supply of quality planting material of fruit trees is implemented at a cost of Rs. 59.18 lakhs for a period of 3 years through National Horticulture Board. Under this Project 25 nurseries in 19 States/Union Territory will be covered. The plants/seedlings of mango, citrus, apple and litchi will be propagated in these nurseries for supply to farmers at reasonable rates.

Delhi Development Authority

1622. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority was set up to look after land development and to prevent encroachments in the city ;

(b) whether the Delhi Development Authority performs other func-

tions also; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to make Delhi Development Authority perform the functions for which it was created ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Delhi Devevelopment Authority was constituted with the objects to promote and secure the development of Delhi according to plan with power to acquire, hold, manage and dispose of land and other property, to carry out building, engineering, mining and other operations, to execute works in connection with supply of water and electricity, disposal of sewage and other services and amenities and generally to do anything necessary or expedient for purposes of such development and for purposes incidental thereto.

(b) Over the years DDA have come to handle some other responsibilities such as maintenance of resettlement colonies building of Asiad properties & running of lotteries etc.

(c) In view of the enormity and multiplicity of the functins performed by the Delhi Development Authority and the criticism of its working, we are endeavouring to streamline its functioning. For this purpose, the services of an expert agency have been engaged by the D.D.A. The agency is expected to submit its report shortly.

Harassment of Foreign Tourists by Beggars

1623. SHRI M. VINCENT Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that foreign tourists are harassed by beggars at tourist spots in the country :

(b) whether Government propose to ban begging and

(c) whether sufficient funds will be allotted to run beggar homes with job orientation to stop this evil?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No specific case has been reported to the Government.

(b) and (c) The implementation of anti-beggary Programmes falls within the jurisdiction of state Goverments. So far 15 States and 3 Union Territory Administrations have enforced anti-beggary laws and set up institutions for the care, treatment and rehabilitation of beggars. These Acts provide, inter-alia, for the setting up of beggar homes with job orientation.

Removal Of Encroachment in C. 3A Pocket Market, Janakpuri, New Delhi

1624. DR. H.P SHARMA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be Pleased to refer to the answer to Unstrred Question 1352 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March 1986 and state :

(a) what action Government have taken so far to remove the encroachment of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) land by vegetable stall keepers in C.3A Pocket Market of Janakpuri, New Delhi; and

(b) by when thse are proposed to be finally removed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The DDA has reported that auction Purchaser of shop No. C-31A/1 has already removed the encroachment. In other cases, DDA has issued notices to the persons concerned giving them time to remove the the encrochments themselves failing which clearance operation will be undertaken by the DDA.